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In re application of:

Schweitzer et al.

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For: DATABASE MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY
IN A NETWORK-BASED FILTERING AND
AGGREGATING PLATFORM

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant(s) believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1351.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive Examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 47 as follows. (See Appendix A for red-lined copy)

47. A method for database management and recovery, the method comprising:
collecting network communications usage information in real-time from network devices at a plurality of layers utilizing multiple gatherers each including a plurality of information source modules each interfacing with one of the network devices and capable of communicating using a protocol specific to the network device coupled thereto, the network devices selected

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